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The Central Ohio Diabetes Association and LifeCare Alliance Formed New Merger Partnership

Columbus, OH – Central Ohio Diabetes Association (CODA) is proud to announce a merger partnership with LifeCare Alliance, the Midwest’s leading provider of Meals-on-Wheels and one of the oldest and largest not-for-profit organizations in central Ohio. The Central Ohio Diabetes Association helps central Ohioans living with diabetes detect their condition, prevent onset and complications, and learn to live well with the challenge of diabetes.

The Board of Directors of the Central Ohio Diabetes Association and LifeCare Alliance voted unanimously for the partnership. The goal of this partnership is to expand service to more clients, to ensure that clients have increased access to critical health care and to continue the comprehensive health care services currently provided by the Central Ohio Diabetes Association. The partnership will create a stronger, more stable organization resulting in the elimination of operating redundancies and the reduction of administrative costs. Doug Kridler, President and CEO of The Columbus Foundation endorses the value of this partnership and its impact on the central Ohio community.

The two organizations officially announced the merger partnership at a 10 a.m. press conference on Friday, January 27, at CODA Headquarters, 1100 Dennison Avenue.

“We welcome this partnership,” states Board President, Tim Cotter. “This comes at a great time for our organization, and to partner with LifeCare Alliance, an organization that has an excellent reputation in our community and is respected by both the business industry as well as the non-profit arena, is exciting for our staff, volunteers, and consumers.”

“This partnership will be a smooth transition,” states Chuck Gehring, President and CEO of LifeCare Alliance. “There will be no interruption in service, all programs will remain the same – the day-to-day operations will continue. Current programs include diabetes detection screenings, examinations, diabetes education, and Camp Hamwi, a summer residential camp for youth with diabetes ages 7-17. The employees of the Central Ohio Diabetes Association will continue to work from their offices at 1100 Dennison Avenue. “We are excited that five members of the CODA Board of Directors will transition to the LifeCare Alliance Board” states Laura Moskow Sigal, CODA Interim Executive Director. “This merger will provide additional and enhanced services for clients of both agencies.” There are no immediate plans for relocation. The Central Ohio Diabetes Association services will be an outstanding addition to our Wellness programs,” noted Chuck Gehring, President and CEO of LifeCare Alliance.

To learn more about the Central Ohio Diabetes Association; please contact Chuck Gehring, President and CEO of LifeCare Alliance at 614-437-2802.

About The Central Ohio Diabetes Association

The Central Ohio Diabetes Association was founded more than 50 years ago by a group of local physicians. The Central Ohio Diabetes Association is a private not-for-profit organization, with a staff of Certified Diabetes Educators, nurses, dietitians and social workers providing direct services to local families in Franklin County and ten contiguous counties in Ohio.

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